## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Angela DiPilato,

Plaintiff,

-against-

7-Eleven, Inc., Jeanne Lynch, Martina Hagler and Arthur Rubinett,

Defendants.

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DECLARATION OF MARTINA L. HAGLER

- I, Martina L. Hagler, hereby state:
- 1. I am over 18 years of age and of sound mind. The following declaration is based on my personal knowledge.
- 2. I am currently employed as a Franchise Sales Manager by 7-Eleven, Inc. in its Northeast Division. 7-Eleven, Inc. is a Texas corporation that owns, operates and franchises food stores under the trademarked name "7-Eleven."
- 3. Angela DiPilato submitted an application to become a 7-Eleven franchisee, dated February 27, 2007. A true copy of DiPilato's application is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 4. 7-Eleven determined that it was not in the parties' mutual best interest to pursue the possibility of franchising a 7-Eleven store to DiPilato and therefore discontinued the franchising process.
- 5. I sent a letter to DiPilato on March 26, 2007, notifying her of 7-Eleven's decision, and resent the letter on April 10, 2007.
- 6. DiPilato did not apply to become an employee of 7-Eleven. 7-Eleven franchisees operate 7-Eleven food stores pursuant to a written independent contractor franchise agreement. 7-Eleven franchisees are not employees of 7-Eleven.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on September 13, 2007.

. Martina L. Hagler